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In the application of:

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For: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS TO
TREAT CARDIAC FAILURE AND
OTHER DISORDERS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 4 April 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 4 July 2003. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 4 August 2003 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The pending claims, claims 39-78, were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Introductory Comments

In reviewing the file in connection with the above-referenced application, it is noticed that the specification for the application Serial No. 09/128,137 filed 3 August 1998 and now U.S. patent 6,130,235 was mistakenly filed rather than the application of which the present case is a divisional – U.S. application No. 09/316,761 filed 21 May 1999. The contents of the intended specification were incorporated by reference with the Preliminary Amendment. Accordingly, filed herewith is a substitute specification which is an exact copy of U.S. application Serial No. 09/316,761. It is believed that this clarifies that the present claims are fully supported by the specification of the application of which it is a divisional. Applicants apologize for the confusion generated by the filing of an incorrect specification.